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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is in response to a final office action in the above case dated October 6, 2009 (“FOA”). The Examiner found that claims 36-41 include allowable subject matter and rejected the remaining claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amend the base claims to include the allowable subject matter to place the Application in condition for allowance. Applicants cancel claims 30-41. Applicants submit that pending claims 1-4, 6, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-24, 26, 27, and 29 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.